

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Jason Urbanski, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/814,018

Filed: March 31, 2004

For: MEDICAL GRASPING DEVICE

Attorney Docket No: 8627-373

Examiner: Pedro Philogene

Art Unit: 3733

Confirmation No. 5526

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME
2,087,108	07/13/1937	Irvine
4,727,873	03/01/1988	Mobin-Uddin
5,324,306	06/28/1994	Makower et al.
5,779,680	07/14/1998	Yoon
5,782,839	07/21/1998	Hart et al.
5,873,876	02/23/1999	Christy
5,974,978	11/21/1999	Brown
6,036,717	03/14/2000	Mers Kelly et al.
6,187,017	02/13/2001	Gregory, Jr.
6,221,048	04/24/2001	Phelps
2001/0044629	11/22/2001	Stinson
6,348,056	02/19/2002	Bates et al.
6,364,887	04/02/2002	Dworschak et al.
2002/0045863	04/18/2002	Wechler
6,458,139	10/01/2002	Palmer et al.
2002/0133170	09/19/2002	Tsuruta
6,589,231	07/08/2003	Gobron et al.
2003/0171739	09/11/2003	Murphy et al.
2003/0195492	10/16/2003	Gobron et al.
2003/0233099	12/18/2003	Danaek et al.
2004/0230287	11/18/2004	Hartley et al.

6,837,901	01/04/2005	Rabkin et al.
2005/0004595	01/06/2005	Boyle et al.
2005/0038495	02/17/2005	Greenan
6,893,451	05/17/2005	Cano et al.
6,939,370	09/06/2005	Hartley et al.
2006/0030865	02/09/2006	Balg
2006/0052797	03/09/2006	Kanamaru
2006/0064113	03/23/06	Nakao
2006/0106417	05/18/2006	Tessmer et al.
7,101,379	09/05/2006	Gregory Jr. et al.

OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS
Written Opinion Issued on PCT/US07/006890, Dated September 20, 2008
International Search Report on PCT/US07/006890, Dated September 24, 2007

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

The Applicant or Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

November 24, 2009

Date

/Robert K. Fergan/

Robert K. Fergan (Reg. No. 51,674)